

Types of Helping Behavior

Activity	% Reported in San Francisco	% Reported in Santa Cruz
No emergency activities performed	40	30
Search and rescue activities	3	5
Provided food and water to others	14	35
Provided shelter to others	12	18
Cleaned/removed debris	11	44
Helped evacuate victims	3	4
Counseled victims	8	17
Put out fires	3	7
Directed traffic	2	2
Provided medical attention to victims	2	4

Based on questionnaire responses from randomly selected samples. Actual number returned and return rates were: San Francisco: n = 734 (41%); Santa Cruz: n = 918 (50%).

Source: Adapted from O'Brien, Paul W. and Dennis S. Mileti. 1993. "Citizen Participation in Emergency Response." Pp. B23-B30 in *The Loma Prieta California Earthquake of October 17, 1989—Public Response*, edited by Patricia A. Bolton. Washington, D.C.: United States Government Printing Office.